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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SADAT VISIT

1. WHILE HAILING PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AS A MAJOR
BREAKTHROUGH IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, SEVERAL NEPALI NEWS-
PAPERS EDITORIALY HAVE EXPRESSED CAUTION IN EXPECTING
THE HISTORIC VISIT WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS.

2. "THE RISING NEPAL", THE KINGDOM'S OFFICIAL, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
DAILY SAID ON OVEMBER 23: "ONE MAY NOTE WITH SOME APPLAUSE
THAT, WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT, WHICH IN SOME RESPECTS
CONJURES UP MEMORIES OF FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER'S SECRET CHINA TRIP--THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EGYPT
AND ISRAEL HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE DIRECT LEVELS WHICH HAD BEEN
GLARINGLY AND SADLY LACKING IN THE BITTER THIRTY YEAR
HISTORY OF HOSTILITY, SUSPICION AND TENSION IN WEST ASIA..THAT
PRESIDENT SADAT HAS NOT SACRIFICED THE REGIONAL ASPECTS IN THE
WEST ASIAN PEACEMAKING EFFORTS DURING HIS SPECTACULAR
VISIT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ALLAYING FEARS ENTERTAINED IN
SOME ARAB QUARTERS THAT EGYPT WAS PREPARED TO SHORT CHANGE
HER ARAB COLLEAGUES IN QUEST OF AN IMMEDIATE BILATERAL
SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL... IF PRESIDENT SADAT HAS SET
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THE PACE TOWARDS OVERCOMING THE INERTIA THAT THE PEACE TALKS
LARGELY HAD SETTLED INTO, THE BALL WILL NOW HAVE TO BE CARRIED
FURTHER BY OTHERS IMMEDIATELKSCONCERNED IN THIS AREA. THIS,
HOWEVER, CANNOT BE TAKEN AS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION;
AT LEAST NOT YET."

3. "THE COMMONER", CONCLUDES A NOVEMBER 21 EDITORIAL ON THE

MIDDLE EAST NOTING: "PRESIDENT SADAT HAS CAST HIMSELF IN A ROLE WHERE HE MAY NOT FIND THE GOING VERY SMOOTH. ALREADY, CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION HAS BUILT UP AGAINST HIS NEW APPROACH IN MANY ARAB CAPITALS. WHETHER HE CAN COPE WITH IT AND SURVIVE WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH UPON WHAT TANGIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE RESULTS HIS PRESENT VENTURE YIELDS, AND HOW SOON."

4. "THE WEEKLY MIRROR" COMMENTS THAT: "NOBODY CAN DENY THAT THE MOST DARING FEAT ACCOMPLISHED BY PRESIDENT SADAT IS BOUND TO CONTRIBUTE IMMENSELY IN BRINGING ABOUT A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DIRECTION OF RESOLVING THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS AND MUTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON DIRECT BILATERAL CONTACT... IT IS NOW THE DUTY OF THE ENTIRE ARAB NATIONS TO STAND SOLIDLY BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND EXTEND THEIR UNFLINCHING SUPPORT TO HIS INNOVATIVE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE CRISIS-STRICKEN REGION. THE BIG POWERS SHOULD ALSO RENOUNCE THEIR POWER TACTICS AND HELP REVIVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. "THE MOTHERLAND" OF NOVEMBER 24 EDITORIALIZES: "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS BEEN MOTIVATED SOLELY BY THE DESIRE TO SEEK AN HONORABLE PEACE. IF HE HAS DONE ANYTHING, IT IS NOT TO BETRAY THE ARAB CAUSE. HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE ISRAELI KNESSET SYMBOLISES WHAT HE STANDS FOR AND FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH HE IS WILLING TO PUT HIS CAREER AND LIFE IN JEOPARDY. HERE IS A MAN HONEST AND DEDICATED, AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD CERTAINLY WISHES TO SEE HIS EFFORTS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS."
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